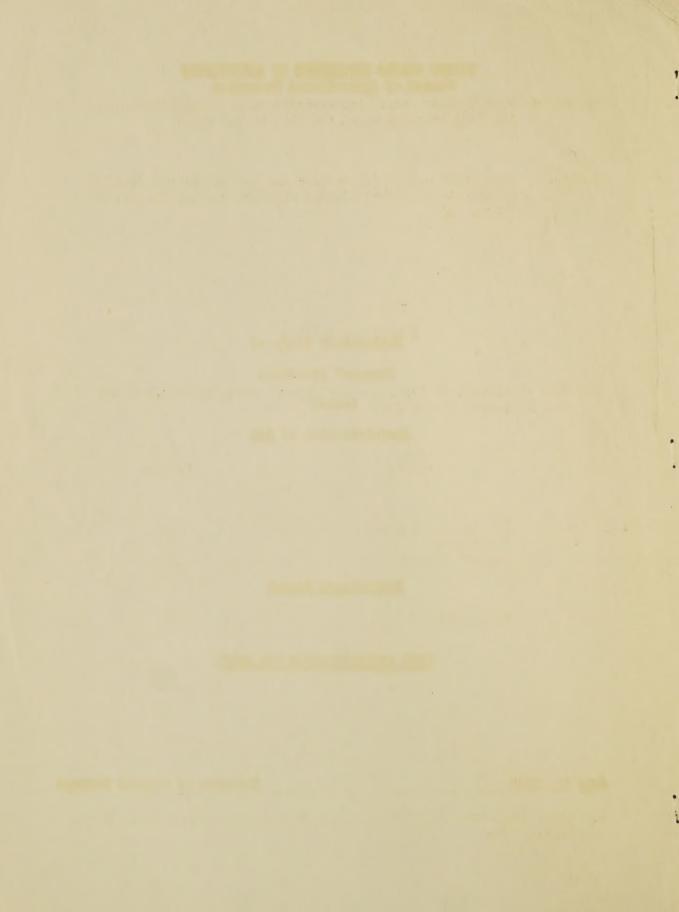
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Exploratory Study of
Farmers! Attitudes
toward
Administration of AAA



Preliminary Report

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Question: What changes and/or improvements in the administration of the farm programs would you like to see most?

Sample: This study was an exploratory one and so covered only 165 farmers in 13 states between mid-February and the end of March. 1/

Summary of Results

1. What proportion of farmers would like to see changes made in the administration of the AAA?

Program satisfactory 14%
Don't know 13
Suggest changes 73
100%

Total replies

% of Farmers

165

^{1.} Ill., Iowa, Mo., Va., Tenn., Ala., Miss., Kan., Okla., Col., Wisc., Minn., Conn.

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2. What kinds of changes are suggested? 2/

The 120 farmers suggesting changes in AAA administration made a total of 173 such suggestions.

	% of Mentions
Increased emphasis on soil conservation in AAA Changes in bases of determining allotments and	4 3
payments	29
Changes to improve local administration	9
Other suggestions relating to production con-	
trol or allotnents	9
Reduce cost of crop insurance (wheat)	4
Penalize landlords for requiring tenants to turn	_
over AAA payments in order to get land	3
Provide loans on feed crops	2
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Total Mentions	173

3. Specific suggestions made

a. Suggestions relating to increased emphasis on soil conservation

Require everybody to do some soil building—
compulsory soil conservation program
Require everybody to do a specified minimum
amount of soil building before getting any
AAA payments at all
Make landlords perform all possible soil conservation practices

Increase grants-in-aid
Increase the proportion of payments for soil
conserving practices and decrease the
emphasis on parity and special crop payments

Encourage more hay and pasture
Encourage more use of fertilizer and line
Encourage more tree planting
Pay for soy beans even if used as grain

Give small farmer additional payments for soil conservation work

^{2.} Although many of the changes suggested refer to parts of the AAA program other than its administration, their inclusion by farmers in answer to our question indicates that such demarcation may not be entirely clear to them.

b. Suggestions regarding the bases for determining allotments and payments

Redistribute allotments to favor small farmers
Graduate payments to favor small farmers
Minimum allotments should be set to assure
small farmers of a workable minimum—also
minimum payments should be set in interests
of small farmers

Maximum payment limit should be set
Allotments should be determined according to
farmers' needs

Base allotments on a percentage of the crop land operated

Base allotments on a proportion of the size of farm operated

Combine corn and wheat allotments, particularly on small farms

Eliminate or reduce special crop allotments and substitute increased general depleting allotments

Out allotments and payments in the areas where the greatest proportion of the surplus is produced

Give a larger proportionate allotment to the farmer who grows his own feed crops

c. Other suggestions relating to production control

Cut production until prices are good Extend production control to other commodities, particularly hogs and dairy Organize compulsory production control (marketing quotas) for corn

d. Suggestions relating to local administration

Allotments should be more fairly apportioned Local administrative costs should be reduced Local committees should be replaced with well-trained men

Local committees should prevent landlords from getting their tonant's share of benefit payments 3/

^{3.} A similar suggestion, mentioned by a different group of farmers, is listed on page 2 (Question 2). The difference between these two kinds of comments lies in the fact that those presented earlier seemed to think that the National administration rather than local administration was responsible for the practice.

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